

2 Samuel Chapter 05 Commentary

2Sa 5:1 ¶ "Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. 2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel."

Abner had already reminded Israel that God had said that David was to be king, and God would use David to free Israel from the rule of the Philistines. The way David handled the death of Abner, the commander of the Israelite army, and Ishbosheth, the man appointed king who was murdered, has brought Israel to remembrance that David is to be the God given king over them. Finally, we see Israel turning back to **"thus saith the Lord."**

4 "David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. 5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah."

Samuel anointed David, at the command of God, to be king over Israel when he was a young man, about seventeen years old we believe. He is now thirty and it has been about thirteen years since he was anointed to this God given office by Samuel. It has been a long time coming to fruition, which reminds us that God does not work on our schedule. It also reminds us that if God says it, you can rest assured it shall come to pass in his own time and way.

We take time to point out that one commentator says that David is the only person in the bible to bear the name of David. This is correct as best I can tell. David means *beloved or loving*, which gives us the prophetic picture of Jesus Christ. God said of David that he was **"a man after mine own heart."** David was beloved of God, as was Jesus, seen in: **Mt 12:18 "Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles."** David was chosen of God to be king over God's people, and Jesus came to earth, chosen of God to be King over God's people.

When Jesus came the first time, he came as King, but never ruled on earth on a kingly throne. As David was long anointed to be king but did not set on the throne as king over all of God's people for a long time. Jesus is coming a second time and when he does, he will return as the ruling King over all things, and he shall be King over all of God's people through all eternity.

We know that God put his spirit upon David when he was anointed to be king, seen in: **1Sa 16:13 "Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So, Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah."** We know that Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit when he was baptized, seen in: **Mt 3:16-17; 16 "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."**

There are many other comparisons that can be made between king David and King Jesus; however, this will suffice for now and is appropriate to point out that David is now king over all Israel as God has appointed.

6 ¶ "And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither. 7 Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David. 8 And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house. 9 So David dwelt in the fort and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. 10 And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him."

David moves upon Jerusalem, currently inhabited by the Jebusites, who do not believe that David is able to overcome them. The Jebusites forgot that David is under the protection and guidance of God, and that God can

overcome anything that stands in the way of his purposes coming to pass. God blesses David to take Jerusalem and it becomes known as the city of David.

"which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David cannot come in hither." Certainly, I do not understand this without being given some insight. Most commentators agree that **"the blind and the lame"** are Jebusites who they have placed upon the walls of the city, in defiance of David. They are saying to David, this city is so impregnable that we can guard it with **"the blind and the lame"** and you still cannot come in. What was intended to be a dissuasion and offence to David, to keep him from trying to take the city, turned out to be a goad to David, to put forth as much effort as necessary to take the city. The Jebusites forgot one thing: God is with David, and they cannot defeat God.

"And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul, he shall be chief and captain." With the previous explanation for who the **"the blind and the lame"** are, we understand that David is saying that he hates the Jebusites, as well as **"the blind and the lame"** that they have set upon the walls in defiance of David and Israel. Therefore, when you get upon the wall, you are to kill **"the blind and the lame"** and the Jebusites and toss them down into the gutter.

"Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house." This is simply a statement that David will not allow any Jebusite to dwell in the city of Jerusalem, nor to be inhabitants in Israel, meaning the house, which is David's by God given right, is no longer under the rule of the Jebusites. There is a prophetic picture here of **"the blind and the lame."** The blind, who do not see Jesus as Lord, as King, and as their Saviour, will not enter the eternal kingdom of God. Those who are lame, depending upon their own walks and works to get them to heaven, shall not enter into the eternal kingdom of God.

There is a prophetic picture, here, of the work of eternal salvation performed by Jesus Christ. There is nothing that can keep King Jesus from his purpose of kingship over God's people. There is none, that can keep any that Jesus died for upon the cross, from being born again and given eternal life, and given a habitation in the kingdom of God on earth. There is none that can keep any that Jesus has saved from entering the eternal Holy City, the New Jerusalem. Nor shall any that are not saved by Jesus be allowed entrance, or habitation, in the New Jerusalem. Praise God that we serve a King who can do whatsoever he will, and none can stay his hand.

David built more cities and knowing that he is secure in his kingship office: with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit of God, and obedience to God in all things; David is made in the eyes of men a great king, because God is with him.

We can apply this same principle to whatever office we are placed in by God in the church of God. If we are faithful to God, he will establish our goings, and we will be made great because God is with us. Wherefore, we are not to be ashamed of whatever office God places us in. In the church there are many different offices and purposes for God's people, as seen in: **Eph 4:11-16; 11 "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."** Thus, we see that every child of God has a purpose in the church to fulfill. One thing all offices share is they are to grow in unity of faith and in the knowledge of God, to the effectual working of the whole body. Every child of grace is necessary to provide a complete church body that functions as God has designed it.

11 ¶ "And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house. 12 And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake. 13 And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to David. 14 And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, and

Nathan, and Solomon, 15 Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 16 And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet."

Hiram, king of Tyre, sends David messengers, cedar trees, carpenters, and masons, to build David a home. Tyre is a coastal city in the land occupied by the Philistines, which is actually a portion of the land of promise given to Israel, which they have not taken and possessed. Hiram is a friend to David and to his son Solomon.

David perceives that his kingship is now established, and God has exalted him in Israel. Wherefore, as was common practice among the kings of the world, David takes more wives, and has eleven more sons, to go with the six he had while in Hebron as king over Judah. We shall see that more than one wife and children by the multiple wives will bring much sorrow and grief into David's life. Why? Because it is against the God given standard that one man be married to one woman at one time. Many patriarchs had multiple wives and the fruit of that was always discord in the family and trouble in Israel.

Again, we point out the prophetic picture of the coming of King Jesus, and his established kingdom on earth, which is the church of God. King David's name was exalted in Israel; however, King Jesus's name was exalted above all other names, seen in: ***Eph 1:20-23; 20 "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."***

As David now rules over all Israel, so King Jesus reigns over all of God's chosen people who are saved by his grace. It was Absalom, who was born while David was in Hebron, who rose up and tried to usurp the kingdom of Israel and the overthrow and kill his father, King David. This is a prophetic picture of the Jews who rejected Jesus as the Christ, when he came the first time, and tried to overthrow the plan and purpose of God.

King David ruling over all Israel, in Jerusalem, is a prophetic picture of King Jesus, being King over both the Jews and the Gentiles in the church, in this age of salvation by the grace of God. It prophesies that Christ will be King over all of God's people, both Jew and Gentile. Did you notice that we are not given any lineage of these children born in Jerusalem? This demonstrates to us the grafting in of the Gentiles, who had no promise from God to their lineage as did Israel, wherefore, there is no need to name the mothers, for the Gentiles are from all other nations of the earth. It reminds us that our natural lineage is not the means of eternal salvation.

17 ¶ "But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it and went down to the hold. 18 The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 19 And David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand. 20 And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore, he called the name of that place Baalperazim. 21 And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them."

When the Philistines learn that David is now king over all Israel, they come to try and overthrow him. We remember that when they killed Saul, they took many cities of Israel and have occupied them in peace since. Now that there is a new king over all Israel, they assemble to act in hopes of crushing David's kingship before he is well established. They are forgetting the one thing that both they and Israel know: God has established David's kingship by his own promise, and they have forgotten that they cannot win against God.

Did you notice: David goes "**down**" to the hold? David leaves an exalted position and goes down. From the low position David is able to petition God of what to do. David's position when he went "**down**" was lower than the position of the Philistines, because he asked God shall I go "**up**." Reminding us; we must leave our elevated position and go "**down**" to a lower place, from which we may go "**up**" with our petitions to God.

As the armies are set in array, David inquires of God as to whether he should fight the Philistines, and if God will give Israel victory. God tells David to go fight and that he will prevail. David goes up and smites the Philistines in so great a manner that they leave their gods behind, which David and his men burn up.

We are reminded: David is now inquiring of God every time before he goes to battle. This is an example that all of God's people should follow.

22 "And the Philistines came up yet again and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 23 And when David enquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. 24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines. 25 And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer."

The Philistines didn't have enough, and they assembled for war against King David again. When David enquires of God what to do, God tells him to get behind them, and when you hear "***the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees***," then you shall go up and fight, because the LORD will be ahead of you fighting for you. David does as commanded, and they beat the Philistines again.

"from Geba until thou come to Gazer." We are reminded here: the Philistines had put Israel to flight when they killed Saul, and they had occupied all the cities that Israel fled from. King David, in this battle, takes back the territory that was given to the tribe of Benjamin.

These two battles are just telling us: when you are born again, you can expect that your enemy, the devil, and his minions, will begin attacking you. They will continue to attack us until we die the mortal death, or Christ returns and takes us home, whichever comes first.

It is also a reminder that each day when we arise to go about our duties, we are to put on the whole armor of God, that we be not caught by surprise when the devil attacks us. A reminder that as we begin each day, we should ask God to go before us and prepare the way, that we may be victorious in his name, and thereby bring glory to his holy name.